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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the U.S. National Phase Entry
 Under 35 USC 371 from
 International Application of
 VENKATESWARAN, Ananthanarayan et al.
 Int'l. Application No. PCT/US00/17648
 Filed in the RO/US on 27 June 2000
 Entitled: *Hair Conditioning Composition Comprising
 Cationic Silicone Emulsion*

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.112

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231
 Dear Sir:

Prior to Examination and computation of the fees for entering the captioned International Application into the U.S. National Phase, please preliminarily amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the following Remarks.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

5. The hair conditioning composition according to Claim 1 comprising by weight from about 0.55% to about 7% of the cationic conditioning agent; the cationic conditioning agent comprising:

an amidoamine having the following general formula:



wherein R^1 is a residue of C_{11} to C_{24} fatty acids, R^2 is a C_1 to C_4 alkyl, and m is an integer from 1 to 4; and

a acid selected from the group consisting of L-glutamic acid, lactic acid, hydrochloric acid, malic acid, succinic acid, acetic acid, fumaric acid, L-glutamic acid hydrochloride, tartaric acid, and mixtures thereof.